

## Message Text

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PAGE 01 VIENTI 00907 240614Z  
ACTION EA-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 ICAE-00 SSO-00 /013 W  
-----092929 240615Z /11  
O 240547Z AUG 78  
FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9519

UNCLAS VIENTIANE 907

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: USICA, SCUL, LA, US  
SUBJECT: PIANIST WILLIAM PHEMISTER

REF: A) VIENTIANE 901, B) STATE 214213

1. SHORTLY AFTER PROVIDING THE INFORMATION CONTAINED  
IN REF A, THE LAO FOREIGN MINISTRY CALLED BACK TO  
INFORM US THAT, SINCE PHEMISTER DOES NOT HAVE A DIPLOMATIC  
OR OFFICIAL PASSPORT, THE MAXIMUM PERIOD OF VALIDITY FOR  
A VISA ISSUED TO HIM WOULD BE ONE MONTH. THUS A VISA  
ISSUED NOW IN WASHINGTON WOULD EXPIRE BEFORE HIS ARRIVAL  
IN OCTOBER. MFA HAS, THEREFORE, DECIDED NOT TO AUTHORIZE  
THE LAO EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO ISSUE THE VISA.

2. MFA SUGGESTS THAT PHEMISTER APPLY FOR HIS VISA IN  
BANGKOK. IF THIS IS AGREEABLE TO HIM WE WILL SEND  
ANOTHER NOTE TO MFA. PLEASE ADVISE.  
ROBERTS

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